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Programme planning**Report of the Fifth Committee**

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I. Introduction

1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Programme planning" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 20th, 21st and 37th meetings, on 4 and 5 November and 13 December 2002. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.20, 21 and 37).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005: programmes 1, Political affairs; 2, Disarmament; 3, Peacekeeping operations; 5, Legal affairs; 7, Economic and social affairs; 8, Africa: New Agenda for Development; 9, Trade and development; 10, Environment; 11, Human settlements; 12, Crime prevention and criminal justice; 13, International drug control; 14, Economic development in Africa; 15, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific; 16, Economic development in Europe; 17, Economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean; 18, Economic and social development in Western Asia; 19, Human rights; 24, Management and central support services; 25, Internal oversight; 26, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States (A/57/6 (programmes 1 and Corr.1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and Corr.1, 19 and 24-26));



(b) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-second session;¹

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/57/62);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives (A/57/68);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General on the applicability of Regulation 4.13 and Rule 104.8 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation with regard to the revisions to the list of legislative mandates in programme 1 (Political affairs) (A/C.5/57/12);

(f) Note by the Secretariat on a new subprogramme on financing for development and revisions to relevant subprogrammes under programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/C.5/57/19);

(g) Letter dated 15 October 2002 from the Chairman of the Sixth Committee addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/57/17);

(h) Letter dated 31 October 2002 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee concerning revisions to the medium-term plan of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period 2002-2005 (A/C.5/57/20).

4. At the 20th meeting, on 4 November 2002, the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination introduced the report of that Committee (see A/C.5/57/SR.20).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.31

5. At its 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Programme planning" (A/C.5/57/L.31), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Ethiopia, Rapporteur of the Committee.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.31 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/57/16).*

Programme planning

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/234 of 21 December 1982, 38/227 A of 20 December 1983, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 55/234 of 23 December 2000 and 56/253 of 24 December 2001,

Having examined the proposed revisions submitted by the Secretary-General² concerning the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005,³

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-second session,⁴

Having also considered the note by the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to programme 1, Political affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005,⁵ the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2000-2001,⁶ the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives⁷ and the note by the Secretariat on a new subprogramme on financing for development and revisions to relevant subprogrammes under programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005,⁸

Having further considered the letter dated 15 October 2002 from the Chairman of the Sixth Committee addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee⁹ and the letter dated 31 October 2002 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee,¹⁰

1. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-second session;⁴
2. *Reaffirms* the role of the Committee as the main subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for planning, programming and coordination;
3. *Requests* the Committee to continue to observe its methods of governing the drafting and format of its reports;
4. *Encourages* the Committee to continue its discussions on improving its working methods and procedures within the framework of its mandate, with a view to further enhancing its effectiveness and continued relevance;

² A/57/6 (Prog.1 and Corr.1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and Corr.1, 8-19 and 24-26).

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/55/6/Rev.1).*

⁴ *Ibid.*, Fifty-seventh session, Supplement No. 16 (A/57/16).

⁵ A/C.5/57/12.

⁶ A/57/62.

⁷ See A/57/68.

⁸ A/C.5/57/19.

⁹ A/C.5/57/17.

¹⁰ A/C.5/57/20.

I

Revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

1. *Reaffirms* that the medium-term plan is the principal policy directive of the United Nations and that it shall serve as the framework for the next biennial programme budget;

2. *Reaffirms* regulations 4.2, 4.13 and 5.2 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,¹¹ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure full compliance with them;

3. *Adopts* the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 submitted by the Secretary-General,² as amended by the relevant recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination,⁴ and the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council contained in its resolution 2002/39 of 25 October 2002;

4. *Notes* the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination¹² that the Secretary-General submit proposals for revisions to programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the medium-term plan so as to reflect the review by the Assembly at its current session of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey, Mexico, from 18 to 22 March 2002,¹³ and the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 26 August to 4 September 2002,¹⁴ and requests the Secretary-General to submit those proposals through the Committee at its forty-third session for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session;

5. *Also notes* the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination¹⁵ that the Secretary-General submit proposals for revisions to programme 8, Africa: New Agenda for Development, of the medium-term plan so as to reflect the final review and appraisal by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and any other relevant legislative mandates, and requests the Secretary-General to submit those revisions through the Committee at its forty-third session for consideration by the Assembly at its fifty-eighth session;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, bearing in mind that the lack of time precludes further revisions to the medium-term plan at the present session, to prepare the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 for programmes 7 and 8 of the medium-term plan in line with the recommendations of Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-second session and other relevant legislative mandates;

¹¹ ST/SGB/2000/8.

¹² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/57/16)*, paras. 107-108.

¹³ See the *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7).

¹⁴ See the *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1).

¹⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/57/16)*, para. 117.

II

Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2000-2001

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2000-2001;¹⁶
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination¹⁶ regarding the report of the Secretary-General;

III

Evaluation

1. *Stresses* the importance and necessity of further improving evaluation and integrating it into the cycle of programme planning, budgeting and monitoring with a view to improving and strengthening programme formulation and implementation;
2. *Approves* the following schedule of in-depth evaluations to be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-third, forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions respectively: (a) law of the sea and ocean affairs; (b) public administration, finance and development; and (c) human settlements;
3. *Emphasizes* the importance of the contribution of the relevant intergovernmental bodies, in particular the Main Committees of the General Assembly, in reviewing relevant recommendations on evaluation;
4. *Reiterates* its view that the relevant intergovernmental bodies, as well as the Economic and Social Council and the Main Committees of the General Assembly should include in their programmes of work a review of recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination relevant to their work and take appropriate action;
5. *Regrets* that the relevant intergovernmental bodies did not review the recommendations on evaluation of the Committee;
6. *Urges* those intergovernmental bodies to effectively review the relevant recommendations on evaluation to facilitate their consideration by the Fifth Committee;
7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on strengthening the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives,¹⁷ on the in-depth evaluation of the subprogrammes on General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and Council support and coordination,¹⁸ on the in-depth evaluation of legal affairs,¹⁹ on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee at its thirty-ninth session on the in-depth evaluation of the disarmament programme²⁰ and on the triennial review of the implementation of the

¹⁶ Ibid., paras. 56-61.

¹⁷ Ibid., paras. 253-259.

¹⁸ Ibid., paras. 271-274.

¹⁹ Ibid., paras. 289-290.

²⁰ Ibid., paras. 297-298.

recommendations made by the Committee at its thirty-ninth session on the in-depth evaluation of the electoral assistance programme;²¹

IV

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination²² regarding the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Strengthening the investigations functions in United Nations system organizations";²³

2. *Notes* the recommendation of the Joint Inspection Unit that executive heads of organizations should ensure that managers involved in investigations have sufficient training in the use of established standards and procedures for conducting investigations,²⁴ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that United Nations programme managers implicated in incidents, crimes or irregularities leading to investigations are not involved, in any way, in conducting those investigations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the practice of involving United Nations programme managers in investigative processes so as to ensure their independence in administrative and managerial functions and to establish proper guidelines that take into consideration the practice of internal control, and to report thereon to the General Assembly no later than at its fifty-eighth session;

V

Other conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination²⁵ regarding the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2001,²⁶ and its conclusions and recommendations²⁷ regarding the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa in the context of the final evaluation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;²⁸

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Committee at its forty-third session on the future engagement of the United Nations system with the New Partnership for Africa's Development;

²¹ Ibid., paras. 305-306.

²² Ibid., paras. 356-357.

²³ See A/56/282.

²⁴ Ibid., recommendation 2.

²⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/57/16)*, paras. 316-323.

²⁶ E/2002/55.

²⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/57/16)*, paras. 334-338.

²⁸ E/AC.51/2002/8.

3. *Stresses* that inter-agency coordination in the field of management should be further strengthened, and recommends that progress made in that regard be reflected in future reports of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

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Pattern of conferences**Report of the Fifth Committee**

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I. Introduction

1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Pattern of conferences" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 12th, 14th, 15th and 38th meetings, on 21, 23 and 24 October and on 16 December 2002. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.12, 14, 15 and 38).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Committee on Conferences;¹
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of recruitment for the Interpretation Section at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/56/901);
 - (c) Report of the Secretary-General on pattern of conferences (A/57/228 and Add.1 and 2);
 - (d) Report of the Secretary-General on improving the performance of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services (A/57/289);
 - (e) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/472);

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 32 and corrigendum (A/57/32 and Corr.1).



(f) Letter dated 18 October 2002 from the Chairman of the Sixth Committee addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/57/18);

(g) Letter dated 12 November 2002 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, transmitting a letter dated 7 November 2002 from the Chairman of the Sixth Committee addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/57/21).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.52

4. At its 38th meeting, on 16 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Pattern of conferences" (A/C.5/57/L.52), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Singapore.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.52 without a vote (see para. 7).

6. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Costa Rica, Singapore, Mexico (on behalf of the 20 Spanish-speaking countries), Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, Denmark (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the United States of America (see A/C.5/57/SR.38).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 40/243 of 18 December 1985, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 43/222 A to E of 21 December 1988, 52/214 of 22 December 1997, 54/248 of 23 December 1999, 55/222 of 23 December 2000, 56/242 of 24 December 2001, 56/254 D of 27 March 2002, 56/262 of 15 February 2002 and 56/287 of 27 June 2002,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences² and the relevant reports of the Secretary-General,³

Having also considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 32 and corrigendum* (A/57/32 and Corr.1).

³ A/56/901, A/57/228 and Add.1 and 2, A/57/289 and A/C.5/56/37.

⁴ A/57/472.

1. *Approves* the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2003, as contained in the annex to the report of the Committee on Conferences;²

2. *Authorizes* the Committee on Conferences to make any adjustments to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2003 that may become necessary as a result of actions and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that any modification to the calendar of conferences and meetings should be implemented strictly in accordance with the mandate of the Committee on Conferences and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

4. *Decides* to continue consideration of this agenda item, as a matter of priority, during the first part of its resumed fifty-seventh session;

5. *Also decides* to resume consideration of the reports of the Secretary-General on pattern of conferences⁵ and on improving the performance of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services⁶ in order to take action on them.

⁵ A/57/228 and Add.1 and 2.

⁶ A/57/289.



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United Nations common system

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Haile Selassie **Getachew** (Ethiopia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "United Nations common system" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 37th meetings, on 6, 8 and 11 November and 13 December 2002. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.22-24 and 37).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2002;¹
 - (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the Commission for 2002 (A/57/7/Add.9);
 - (c) Statement submitted by the Secretary-General, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2002 (A/57/450 and Corr.1 and 2);
 - (d) Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the international civil service (A/57/612);

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/57/30).



(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a statement adopted by the High-Level Committee on Management at its fourth session on behalf of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (A/C.5/57/16).

4. At the 22nd meeting, on 6 November, the Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission introduced the annual report of the Commission (see A/C.5/57/SR.22).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.39

5. At its 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "United Nations common system" (A/C.5/57/L.39), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Argentina, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.39 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

United Nations common system

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2002² and the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the Commission,³

Reaffirming its commitment to a single, unified United Nations common system as the cornerstone for the regulation and coordination of the conditions of service of the United Nations common system,

Convinced that the common system constitutes the best instrument through which to secure staff with the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity for the international civil service, as stipulated in the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the statute of the Commission and the central role of the Commission in the regulation and coordination of the conditions of service of the United Nations common system,

Takes note of the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2002;²

² Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/57/30).

³ A/57/450 and Corr.1 and 2.

I

Conditions of service applicable to both categories of staff

A. Review of the pay and benefits system

Recalling its resolutions 51/216 of 18 December 1996, 52/216 of 22 December 1997, 53/209 of 18 December 1998 and 55/223 of 23 December 2000,

1. *Takes note with appreciation of the concrete progress made by the Commission in the review of the pay and benefits system in the context of the approved framework for human resources management;*

2. *Takes note of the decisions of the Commission contained in paragraphs 39 and 60 of its report;²*

3. *Invites the Commission to duly take into account all views expressed by Member States regarding the review of the pay and benefits system, bearing in mind that any eventual proposals should be aimed at enhancing the effectiveness as well as the efficiency of the secretariats of the organizations of the United Nations system, consistent with the principles set out in paragraph 12 of the report of the Commission;²*

4. *Notes that the Commission will examine the issue of contractual arrangements in the United Nations system organizations, bearing in mind its close linkage to the review of the pay and benefits system;*

5. *Requests the Commission to review the decision contained in paragraph 80 of its report, including the question of whether the Senior Management Service should be dealt with in the framework of the review of the pay and benefits system, in view of the intention of the General Assembly to consider the question at its fifty-eighth session;*

6. *Notes that the proposed Senior Management Service would not require a special pay and benefits package, as mentioned in paragraph 80 of the report;*

7. *Requests the Commission to conduct a review of grade equivalency between the United Nations and the United States federal service in accordance with the new master standard during its review of the pay and benefits system, taking fully into account the post structure of the United Nations and the United States federal Government, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;*

B. Mobility

Recalling its resolution 55/258 of 14 June 2001, in which the General Assembly requested the Commission to conduct a comprehensive review of the question of mobility and its implications for the career development of staff members in the United Nations system,

Takes note of paragraph 92 of the report of the Commission,² and, in this context, requests the Commission to continue to develop its study in this area and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session;

C. Common scale of staff assessment

Recalling its resolutions 48/225 of 23 December 1993 and 51/216,

Takes note of the decision of the Commission as contained in paragraph 96 of its report;²

D. Hazard pay

Requests the Commission to reconsider its decision on hazard pay, taking into account all the views expressed by Member States;

E. Review of the level of education grant

Recalling its resolutions 51/216 and 52/216,

1. *Approves* increases in the maximum reimbursement levels for seven countries or currency areas, as well as other recommendations in respect of the reimbursement of expenses under the education grant, as contained in paragraph 141 of and annex V to the annual report of the Commission;²

2. *Takes note* of the decisions of the Commission contained in paragraphs 142 and 143 of its report;

II

Conditions of service of staff in the Professional and higher categories

A. Margin considerations and base/floor salary scale

Recalling section I.C, paragraph 3, of its resolution 44/198 of 21 December 1989, section II.B of its resolution 48/224 of 23 December 1993, section I.C of its resolution 51/216, section I.B of its resolutions 52/216, 53/209 and 54/238 of 23 December 1999, section II.C of its resolution 55/223 and section II.A of its resolution 56/244 of 24 December 2001,

1. *Notes* that the net remuneration margin, which measures the relationship between United Nations salaries and those of the comparator for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002, is 109.3, as shown in annex III to the report of the Commission;²

2. *Reaffirms* that the range of 110 to 120 for the margin between the net remuneration of officials in the Professional and higher categories of the United Nations in New York and officials in comparable positions in the comparator civil service should continue to apply, on the understanding that the margin would be maintained at the desirable midpoint of 115 over a period of time;

3. *Requests* the Commission to keep the matter under review with a view to restoring the margin to its midpoint over a period of time, and requests the Commission to report to the General Assembly on the outcome of this review at its sixty-second session, taking into full account the Noblemaire principle;

4. *Approves*, with effect from 1 January 2003, the revised scale of gross and net salaries for staff in the Professional and higher categories, as contained in the annex to the present resolution;

5. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Commission to strengthen performance and accountability, especially at the senior levels, throughout the common system, and requests the Commission to make recommendations, where appropriate, for increasing the roles of performance and productivity in determining remuneration levels;

6. *Requests* the Commission, when conducting its review of the pay and benefits system, to bear in mind the necessity for performance management systems to be fair and transparent;

7. *Reiterates* its request to the Commission to review, in the context of the review of the pay and benefits system, the existing linkage between the base/floor salary scale and the mobility and hardship allowance;

B. Dependency allowances

Recalling section II.F, paragraph 2, of its resolution 47/216 of 23 December 1992, in which it noted that the Commission would review the level of dependency allowances every two years,

Endorses the recommendations of the Commission contained in paragraph 182 of its report;²

III

Conditions of service of the General Service and other locally recruited categories

Recalling section II.A of its resolution 52/216, in which it reaffirmed that the Flemming principle should continue to serve as the basis for determining the conditions of service of the General Service and related categories and endorsed the revised methodology for surveys of best prevailing conditions of employment for those categories,

Takes note of the results of the salary surveys conducted in London, Vienna and Geneva, as reported in chapter V of the report of the Commission;²

IV

Strengthening of the international civil service

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the strengthening of the international civil service;⁴

2. *Endorses* the terms of reference of the panel on the strengthening of the international civil service, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

3. *Requests* the panel also to comment on the role and main characteristics of the international civil service;

4. *Invites* the Commission to comment on the findings and recommendations of the panel and to submit its comments to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, to be considered by the Assembly together with the report of the Secretary-General.

⁴ A/57/612.

Annex

Salary scale for staff in the Professional and higher categories showing annual gross salaries and net equivalents after application of staff assessment

(United States dollars)
Effective 1 January 2003

Level	Step														
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV	XV
Under-Secretary-General															
USG Gross	186 144														
Net D	125 609														
Net S	113 041														
Assistant Secretary-General															
ASG Gross	169 366														
Net D	115 207														
Net S	104 324														
Director															
D-2 Gross	139 050	142 085	145 119	148 154	151 189	154 223									
Net D	96 411	98 292	100 174	102 055	103 937	105 818									
Net S	88 571	90 159	91 741	93 318	94 890	96 456									
Principal Officer															
D-1 Gross	126 713	129 377	132 041	134 705	137 369	140 033	142 697	145 361	148 024						
Net D	88 762	90 414	92 065	93 717	95 369	97 020	98 672	100 324	101 975						
Net S	82 045	83 481	84 913	86 342	87 768	89 190	90 609	92 025	93 437						
Senior Officer															
P-5 Gross	104 102	106 369	108 635	110 901	113 168	115 434	117 701	119 967	122 234	124 500	126 766	129 033	131 299		
Net D	74 743	76 149	77 554	78 959	80 364	81 769	83 174	84 580	85 985	87 390	88 795	90 200	91 606		
Net S	69 437	70 685	71 930	73 174	74 416	75 655	76 892	78 127	79 360	80 591	81 820	83 046	84 271		
First Officer															
P-4 Gross	84 435	86 489	88 544	90 637	92 824	95 011	97 198	99 385	101 572	103 759	105 946	108 133	110 320	112 507	114 694
Net D	62 327	63 683	65 039	66 395	67 751	69 107	70 463	71 819	73 175	74 530	75 886	77 242	78 598	79 954	81 310
Net S	58 041	59 276	60 509	61 740	62 971	64 200	65 429	66 656	67 881	69 106	70 329	71 551	72 772	73 992	75 211
Second Officer															
P-3 Gross	68 306	70 208	72 112	74 011	75 915	77 815	79 715	81 620	83 523	85 423	87 326	89 226	91 202	93 226	95 250
Net D	51 682	52 937	54 194	55 447	56 704	57 958	59 212	60 469	61 725	62 979	64 235	65 489	66 745	68 000	69 255
Net S	48 242	49 396	50 553	51 706	52 862	54 015	55 169	56 324	57 477	58 632	59 782	60 933	62 083	63 233	64 384
Associate Officer															
P-2 Gross	55 346	56 907	58 465	60 027	61 729	63 429	65 130	66 829	68 532	70 233	71 932	73 636			
Net D	42 849	43 973	45 095	46 218	47 341	48 463	49 586	50 707	51 831	52 954	54 075	55 200			
Net S	40 191	41 210	42 226	43 244	44 260	45 279	46 313	47 344	48 379	49 412	50 444	51 479			
Assistant Officer															
P-1 Gross	42 944	44 444	45 942	47 442	48 939	50 438	51 938	53 436	54 932	56 432					
Net D	33 920	35 000	36 078	37 158	38 236	39 315	40 395	41 474	42 551	43 631					
Net S	31 997	32 992	33 986	34 980	35 974	36 967	37 962	38 944	39 921	40 899					

D = Rate applicable to staff members with a dependent spouse or child.

S = Rate applicable to staff members with no dependent spouse or child.

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United Nations pension system**Report of the Fifth Committee**

Rapporteur: Mr. Haile Selassie **Getachew** (Ethiopia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "United Nations pension system" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 22nd to 24th and 37th meetings, on 6, 8 and 11 November and 13 December 2002. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.22-24 and 37).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;¹
 - (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/490);
 - (c) Report of the Secretary-General on the investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/C.5/57/11).
4. At the 22nd meeting, on 6 November, the Chairman of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board introduced the report of the Board and the Director of Investment Management Service introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the investments of the Fund (see A/C.5/57/SR.22).

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/57/9).



II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.34

5. At the 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "United Nations pension system" (A/C.5/57/L.34), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Romania, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.34 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

United Nations pension system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 51/217 of 18 December 1996, 53/210 of 18 December 1998 and 55/224 of 23 December 2000 and section V of its resolutions 54/251 of 23 December 1999 and 56/255 of 24 December 2001,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board,² the report of the Secretary-General on the investments of the Fund³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴

1. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in its report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁴

I

Actuarial matters

Recalling section I of its resolution 55/224,

Having considered the results of the valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as at 31 December 2001 and the observations thereon by the Consulting Actuary of the Fund, the Committee of Actuaries and the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board,

1. *Takes note* of the actuarial situation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, which went from an actuarial surplus of 0.36 per cent of pensionable remuneration as at 31 December 1997 to an actuarial surplus of 4.25 per cent of pensionable remuneration as at 31 December 1999, and to an actuarial surplus of 2.92 per cent of pensionable remuneration as at 31 December 2001, and, in particular, of the opinions provided by the Consulting Actuary and the Committee of Actuaries, as reproduced in annexes VII and VIII, respectively, to the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;²

² Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/57/9).

³ A/C.5/57/11.

⁴ A/57/490.

2. *Also takes note* of the general support of the Board for the report of the Working Group established by the Board to undertake a fundamental review of the benefit provisions of the Fund, taking into account developments in staffing and remuneration policies in the member organizations and in pension arrangements at the national and international levels, and notes in particular that the Board approved the recommendations of the Working Group, set out in paragraphs 157 and 158 of the report of the Board,² as further promoting the human resources framework adopted by the International Civil Service Commission and the General Assembly and serving to enhance the mobility of staff and the portability of pensions;

3. *Further takes note* of the recommendation of the Board that the current contribution rate be maintained but kept under review;

4. *Approves*, in principle, the changes in the benefit provisions of the Regulations of the Fund, as set out in annex XIV of the report of the Board,² to eliminate the limitation on the right to restoration for existing and future participants, with implementation to begin at such time as the actuarial valuation of the Fund shows a clear upward pattern of surpluses;

5. *Notes* that the Board agreed to make no changes in the methodology currently used in the determination of final average remuneration, but agreed to study all possible means of redressing the existing aberrations in the levels of initial pensions and in income replacement ratios over time;

6. *Concurs* with the transfer agreements with the European Organization for the Safety of Air Navigation and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, as approved by the Board under article 13 of the Regulations of the Fund, with a view to securing continuity of pension rights between the Fund and the two organizations, as set out in annex X to the report of the Board;²

II

Pension adjustment system

Recalling section II of its resolution 55/224,

Having considered the reviews carried out by the Working Group of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and subsequently by the Board, as set out in its report,² of various aspects of the pension adjustment system,

1. *Recalls* the aim of enhancing the mobility of staff and the portability of pensions;

2. *Approves*, in principle, the changes in the pension adjustment system, as set out in annex XIII to the report of the Board,² with implementation to begin when the actuarial valuation of the Fund shows a clear upward pattern of surpluses:

(a) To apply cost-of-living adjustments to deferred retirement benefits as from age 50;

(b) To apply cost-of-living differential factors to deferred retirement benefits as from the date of separation;

3. *Notes* that the Board approved of the Working Group's recommendation to eliminate the 1.5 percentage point reduction in the first consumer price index adjustment due to existing and future beneficiaries, subject to an actuarial surplus being revealed in the actuarial valuation to be performed as at 31 December 2003;

4. *Takes note* of the decision of the Board to continue to study the problems associated with the adjustment of pensions after award;

5. *Also takes note* of the results of the monitoring of the costs/savings of recent modifications of the two-track feature of the pension adjustment system and of the intention of the Board to continue to monitor those costs/savings every two years, on the occasion of the actuarial valuations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

III

Financial statements of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and report of the Board of Auditors

Having considered the financial statements of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for the biennium ended 31 December 2001, the audit opinion and report of the Board of Auditors thereon, the information provided on the internal audits of the Fund and the observations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board,²

1. *Notes* that the report of the Board of Auditors on the accounts of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for the biennium ended 31 December 2001⁵ indicated that the financial statements were in compliance with accepted standard accounting principles and that there were no major findings of problems concerning procedures and controls;

IV

Administrative arrangements and longer-term objectives of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Recalling section VII of its resolution 51/217, section V of its resolutions 52/222, 53/210 and 54/251, section IV of its resolution 55/224 and section V of its resolution 56/255 concerning the administrative arrangements and expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,

Having considered chapter VII of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board² concerning the administrative arrangements of the Fund,

1. *Takes note* of the information set out in paragraphs 96 and 97 of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board² on the revised budget estimates for the biennium 2002-2003;

2. *Approves* the increase in resources under administrative costs for the biennium 2002-2003, from 29,943,800 to 30,006,300 United States dollars, for the recalculation of benefits due to a judgement of the International Labour Organization Tribunal and a retroactive change in local salary scales;

3. *Takes note* of the information set out in paragraphs 100 to 104 of the report of the Board² on the whole-office review of the staffing structure and levels of both the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund secretariat and the Investment Management Service, and also takes note of the support and endorsement in principle of the Board for the Secretary/Chief Executive Officer's efforts and plans for modernization in order to deal with the fast-growing activities of the Fund;

⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/57/9),*

4. *Also takes note* of the support of the Board for the efforts of the Secretary/Chief Executive Officer to continue to search for permanent premises for the Fund in New York;

V

Survivors' benefits

Recalling section V of its resolution 55/224,

Takes note of the further review undertaken by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board of issues related to the pension entitlements of survivors, and requests the Board to examine the administrative and financial aspects of this matter, as a whole, and report to the General Assembly thereon at its fifty-ninth session;

VI

Activities relating to former participants from the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic

Recalling section VI of its resolution 55/224,

1. *Notes* the information provided by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board in paragraphs 125 to 140 of its report;²
2. *Decides* that this issue does not require further consideration by the General Assembly;

VII

Size and composition of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the Standing Committee

1. *Takes note* of the information set out in paragraphs 205 to 220 of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board² on the review of the size and composition of the Board and its Standing Committee;
2. *Requests* the Board to study the representation of the Fund's member organizations on the Board, so as to clarify the criteria adopted for that purpose, and to submit further proposals to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, with a view to making such representation more equitable in order to reflect the actual distribution of active participants in the Fund, present and future trends in Fund participation, the changing nature of the Fund's member organizations and improved participation by members and alternate members in the Committee and Board meetings;

VIII

Other matters

1. *Takes note* of the observations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, as set out in paragraphs 194 and 195 of its report,² on the review and conclusions reached by the International Civil Service Commission on the changes in average tax rates at the seven headquarters duty stations, which formed the basis

for the development of the current common scale of staff assessment for pensionable remuneration;

2. *Approves*, with effect from 1 April 2003, amendments to articles 28 (g), 30 (c) and 34 (f), of the Regulations of the Fund, as set out in the annex to the present resolution, to increase the ceilings applicable in the commutation of the minimum benefit;

3. *Also approves*, with effect from 1 April 2003, the addition of a new paragraph to article 21 of the Regulations of the Fund, as set out in the annex to the present resolution, stating that a participant is deemed to have separated when he or she is on leave without pay for an extended period of time without concurrent contributions having been paid to the Fund;

4. *Notes* that the Board considered the possible application by the International Criminal Court to become a member organization of the Fund and that a formal application would be submitted to the Standing Committee in 2003, with possible membership to take effect on 1 January 2004;

5. *Also notes* that the Board considered the detailed report of the medical consultant, covering the period from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001;

6. *Takes note* of the other matters dealt with in the report of the Board;

7. *Decides* to revert to the issue of possible improvements in pension benefits at the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly;

IX

Investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund³ as well as the observations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, as set out in paragraphs 81 to 83 of its report;²

2. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring that the fiduciary responsibility of the Secretary-General, under the Regulations of the Fund, to take decisions on the investments of the assets of the Fund should under no circumstances be compromised;

3. *Notes* the concern expressed by the Board over the reduction in the market value of the Fund's investments and the continuing efforts by the management of the investments to deal with market turbulence;

4. *Takes note* of the intention of the Board of Auditors and the Pension Board:

- (a) To follow up on the audit recommendations;
- (b) To review the procedures and operating methods of the Investment Management Service;
- (c) To review terms of reference for an independent external performance review of the investments of the Fund;

X**Diversification of investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund**

Recalling its resolutions 36/119 A to C of 10 December 1981,

1. *Recognizes* that the Fund's policy of broad diversification of its investments by currency, types of asset classes and geographical areas continues to be the most reliable method of reducing risk and improving returns over long periods of time;

2. *Reaffirms* paragraph 3 of section VIII of its resolution 55/224;

3. *Reaffirms also* the policy of diversification of the investments of the Fund across geographical areas, wherever this serves the interests of the participants and beneficiaries of the Fund, in accordance with the four criteria of safety, profitability, liquidity and convertibility;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session.

Annex

Amendments to the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Article 21 Participation

Add the following new paragraph (c):

"(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of (b) above, a participant is deemed to have separated when he or she has completed (i) a consecutive period of three years on leave without pay without concurrent contributions having been paid in accordance with article 25 (b), or (ii) four years under the conditions described in (i) above within a total period of five years. To re-enter the Fund, such former participant would have to satisfy the requirements for participation set out in (a) above."

Article 28 Retirement benefit

In paragraph (g), subparagraph (iii), replace the number "300" with the number "1,000".

Article 30 Deferred retirement benefit

In paragraph (c), replace the number "300" with the number "1,000".

Article 34 Widow's benefit

In paragraph (f), replace the number "200" with the number "600".

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**Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution
of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of
International Humanitarian Law Committed in the
Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991**

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Haile Selassie **Getachew** (Ethiopia)

I. Introduction

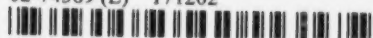
1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 26th, 27th and 37th meetings, on 18 and 21 November and on 13 December 2002. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.26, 27 and 37).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2001 (A/57/367);

(b) First report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/57/480);



(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the comprehensive report on the results of the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Group to Conduct a Review of the Effective Operation and Functioning of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (A/56/853);

(d) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/593).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.30

4. At the 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991" (A/C.5/57/L.30), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Norway.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.30, without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the performance of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 for the biennium 2002-2003,¹ the financial performance of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2001,² the results of the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Group to Conduct a Review of the Effective Operation and Functioning of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda,³ as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Question,⁴

¹ A/57/480.

² A/57/367.

³ A/56/853.

⁴ A/57/593.

Recalling its resolutions 56/247 A of 24 December 2001 and 56/247 B of 27 March 2002 on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2002-2003,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁴

2. *Takes note* of the utilization of the commitment authority authorized in its resolution 55/225 B of 12 April 2001;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report on the progress made by the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in reforming its legal aid system, particularly with regard to rationalizing the costs of defence counsel and establishing indigence, for the main part of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to present the proposed budget for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2004-2005 to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) The budget should include detailed reference as to how the resources requested for the biennium will support the implementation of a sound and realistic completion strategy and the status of implementation of Board of Auditors recommendations, where relevant, with regard to specific items of proposed expenditure;

(b) The budget requirements for the Registry, the Office of the Prosecutor and the non-judicial, administrative functions of the Chambers should be presented in a results-based format linking objectives and inputs to expected accomplishments to be measured by indicators of achievement;

(c) Proposed allocations for costs for translation of documents and travel of witnesses should specify application and prior approval procedures by the Registrar to ensure they do not exceed demonstrated requirements;

(d) Proposals for defence costs should take into account experience to date in the revised lump-sum remuneration arrangements for defence counsel and the application of assessing contributions from defendants based on ability to pay and taking into account revised definitions of indigence and partial indigence;

(e) The proposed post structure for the biennium 2004-2005 should reflect reductions and shifts in requirements within the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia owing to the expected completion of investigations by 2004 and, where appropriate, address any new requirements for established posts through redeployment;

5. *Concurs* with the recommendation of the Board of Auditors in paragraph 62 of its report,⁵ and invites the judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia to give due consideration to implementing fully a system of designating defence counsel at random from a list of available lawyers established by the Registrar's office;

⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 5L* (A/57/5/Add.12).

6. *Notes with concern* that the posts approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 56/247 A and B for on-site audit and investigative services in the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia have not been filled, and calls upon the Office of Internal Oversight Services to fill these positions without any further delay;

7. *Decides* that the financing for the unassessed expenditures incurred in 2001, in the amount of 413,600 United States dollars, shall be drawn from the unencumbered balance available in the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia;

8. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2002-2003, the amount of 248,926,200 dollars gross (223,169,800 dollars net), approved in its resolution 56/247 B for the budget of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, shall be increased by 13,727,500 dollars gross (12,785,200 dollars net), for a total amount of 262,653,700 dollars gross (235,955,000 dollars net);

9. *Decides* that the increases resulting from the recosting and the establishment of one additional trial team, in the amount of 13,727,500 dollars gross (12,785,200 dollars net), shall be drawn from the unencumbered balance available in the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia as of 31 December 2001;

10. *Decides also* to apportion for 2003 the amount of 64,275,950 dollars gross (58,066,375 dollars net), including 6,863,750 dollars gross (6,392,600 dollars net), being the increase in assessments, among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2003 as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/___ of _____ 2002;

11. *Decides further* to apportion for 2003 the amount of 64,275,950 dollars gross (58,066,375 dollars net), including 6,863,750 dollars gross (6,392,600 dollars net), being the increase in assessments, among Member States in accordance with the rates of assessment applicable to peacekeeping operations for 2003;

12. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 10 and 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 26,763,400 dollars, including the amount of 1,007,000 dollars, being the increase in the estimated staff assessment income approved for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2002-2003.

Annex

**Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons
Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law
Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991**

	Gross	Net
	(United States dollars)	
1. Appropriation for the biennium 2002-2003 (resolution 56/247 B)	248 926 200	223 169 800
Add:		
2. Proposed changes for the biennium 2002-2003 (revised parameters/standards and requirements for 2 additional trial teams)	14 060 300	13 053 300
Less:		
3. Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the additional trial teams ^a (establishment of only one additional trial team)	(332 800)	(268 100)
4. Proposed revised appropriation for the biennium 2002-2003 (1+2-3)	262 653 700	235 955 000
Add:		
5. Unassessed expenditures in 2001 ^b	413 600	-
6. Total amount to be financed (4+5)	263 067 300	235 955 000
Less:		
7. Amount to be financed from the unencumbered balance as of 31 December 2001 ^c ((2-3)+5)	(14 141 100)	(12 785 200)
8. Balance to be assessed for the biennium 2002-2003 (6-7)	248 926 200	223 169 800
Less:		
9. Assessment for 2002	(120 374 300)	(107 037 050)
10. Balance to be assessed for 2003,	128 551 900	116 132 750
Of which:		
11. Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2003	64 275 950	58 066 375
12. Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations for 2003	64 275 950	58 066 375

^a See A/57/593.^b See A/57/367.^c *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 5L (A/57/5/Add.12)*, chap. V, statement II.

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**Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the
Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other
Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law
Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan
Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such
Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring
States between 1 January and 31 December 1994**

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Haile Selassie **Getachew** (Ethiopia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 26th, 27th and 37th meetings, on 18 and 21 November and 13 December 2002. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.26, 27 and 37).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the long-term financial obligations of the United Nations with regard to the enforcement of sentences (A/57/347);



(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2001 (A/57/368);

(c) First report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the International Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/57/481 and Corr.1);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates arising in respect of Security Council resolution 1431 (2002) on the establishment of ad litem judges in the International Tribunal for Rwanda (A/57/482);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on conditions of service for the ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (A/57/587);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General on the comprehensive report on the results of the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Group to Conduct a Review of the Effective Operation and Functioning of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (A/56/853);

(g) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/593).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.35

4. At the 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994" (A/C.5/57/L.35), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Norway.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.35 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the performance of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 for the biennium 2002-2003,¹ the financial performance of the International Tribunal for Rwanda for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2001,² the results of the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Group to Conduct a Review of the Effective Operation and Functioning of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Tribunal for Rwanda,³ the long-term financial obligations of the United Nations with regard to the enforcement of sentences⁴ and the conditions of service for the ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda,⁵

Having also considered the revised estimates arising in respect of Security Council resolution 1431 (2002) on the establishment of ad litem judges in the International Tribunal for Rwanda,⁶

Having further considered the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷

Recalling its resolutions 56/248 A of 24 December 2001 and 56/248 B of 27 March 2002 on the financing of the International Tribunal for Rwanda for the period from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2003,

Taking note of Security Council resolution 1431 (2002) of 14 August 2002 on the establishment of ad litem judges for the International Tribunal for Rwanda,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Notes with concern* that the vacancy rate at the International Tribunal for Rwanda remains at unacceptably high levels and that, by the end of 2002, the posts of Chief of Prosecution and Deputy Prosecutor will have been vacant for more than two years and nineteen months, respectively, despite information indicating that there was an abundance of qualified candidates in the region and elsewhere, and

¹ A/57/481 and Corr.1.

² A/57/368.

³ A/56/853.

⁴ A/57/347.

⁵ A/57/587.

⁶ A/57/482.

⁷ A/57/593.

requests the Registrar of the International Tribunal for Rwanda to ensure that the aforementioned posts are filled without further delay and to report thereon to the General Assembly no later than at its fifty-eighth session;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General to request the Office of Internal Oversight Services to conduct a management review of the Office of the Prosecutor, paying particular attention to the problems which have arisen in filling these critical posts,⁸ and to report thereon to the General Assembly no later than at its fifty-eighth session;

4. *Notes with concern* that the posts approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 56/248 A and B for on-site audit and investigative services in the International Tribunal for Rwanda have not been filled, and calls upon the Office of Internal Oversight Services to fill those positions without any further delay;

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the long-term financial obligations of the United Nations with regard to the enforcement of sentences,⁴ on the understanding that future budgetary requests on enforcement of sentences will be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account legal, administrative and financial justification provided in support of each request;⁹

6. *Affirms* that it would be appropriate for the United Nations to bear the immediate costs arising from providing prisoners serving sentences imposed by the International Tribunal for Rwanda with a regime of imprisonment that is consistent with those outlined in paragraph 17 of the report of the Secretary-General;⁴

7. *Invites* the Security Council to address uncertainties arising from issues identified in paragraphs 8, 42 and 43 of the report of the Secretary-General⁴ and to provide guidance on possible amendments to the statute of the International Tribunal for Rwanda;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on these issues, including the consideration of the Security Council;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, as an ad hoc and interim measure, to charge the costs related to the needs arising with regard to the enforcement of sentences within presently appropriated resources before the end of the biennium 2002-2003;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in full cooperation with the International Tribunal for Rwanda, to ensure that due consideration is given in all future budget proposals for the Tribunal to the provision of resources to facilitate the enforcement of sentences;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure adequate oversight of prison facility upgrade projects and the subsequent maintenance of minimum international prison standards where those maintenance costs are borne by the United Nations;

⁸ Ibid., para. 13.

⁹ Ibid., para. 41.

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to assess the accuracy of the cost estimates proposed in his report on the enforcement of sentences,⁴ to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session, and to keep the cost estimates under periodic review;

13. *Urges* the International Tribunal for Rwanda to continue to consult closely with the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in the development and implementation of its own completion strategy;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report on the progress made by the International Tribunal for Rwanda in reforming its legal aid system for consideration by the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-eighth session;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session the proposed budget of the International Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2004-2005, which should include the following elements:

(a) The budget should include detailed information as to how the resources requested for the biennium will support the development of a sound and realistic completion strategy and the status of implementation of Board of Auditors recommendations, where relevant, with regard to specific items of proposed expenditure;

(b) The budget requirements for the Registry, the Office of the Prosecutor and the non-judicial, administrative functions of the Chambers should be presented in a results-based format linking objectives and inputs to expected accomplishments to be measured by indicators of achievement;

(c) Revised arrangements for preventing overexpenditures by defence counsel and for managing, monitoring and controlling the expenses of the legal aid system of the International Tribunal for Rwanda should be included in support of proposals for defence costs, including a full definition and establishment of quantitative criteria for determining indigency and partial indigency based on, inter alia, the defendants' circumstances and ability to pay;

(d) Proposed allocations for costs for travel of investigators should be supported by those procedures implemented by the Registrar in order not to exceed requirements;

(e) The proposed post structure for the biennium 2004-2005 should reflect reductions and shifts in requirements within the International Tribunal for Rwanda owing to the expected completion of investigations by 2003 and, where appropriate, address any new requirements for established posts through redeployment;

16. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to consider the introduction, wherever feasible, in the International Tribunal for Rwanda of all measures undertaken in the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia that have proved effective with regard to controlling administrative costs, including maintaining efficient administrative and managerial functions;

17. *Approves* the additional resources for the International Tribunal for Rwanda for 2003 as recommended by the Advisory Committee, except that the staffing complement shall be reduced by four posts, and requests the Secretary-

General to report on the use of ad litem judges and their impact in the second performance report for the biennium 2002-2003;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that optimum use is made of ad litem judges, following their introduction, to increase the number of court sessions and extend scheduled working hours;

19. *Decides* that the financing for the unaudited expenditures incurred in 2001, in the amount of 2,664,500 United States dollars gross (1,880,000 dollars net) shall be drawn from the unencumbered balance in the Special Account for the International Tribunal for Rwanda;¹⁰

20. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2002-2003, the amount of 197,127,300 dollars gross (177,739,400 net), approved in its resolution 56/248 B for the budget of the International Tribunal for Rwanda, shall be adjusted by the amount of 4,657,600 dollars gross (4,254,100 dollars net) arising for ad litem judges in respect of Security Council resolution 1431 (2002) for a total amount of 201,784,900 dollars gross (181,993,500 dollars net);

21. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments, where necessary, in an amount not to exceed 2,177,700 dollars gross (879,200 dollars net) for the resource requirements of the International Tribunal for Rwanda to support the re-costing of resources for the biennium 2002-2003, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the impact thereof in the context of the second performance report for the biennium;

22. *Decides* to apportion for 2003 the amount of 53,047,600 dollars gross (47,759,100 dollars net), including 5,202,750 dollars gross (4,521,450 dollars net), being the increase in assessments among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2003 as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/___ of ___ December 2002;

23. *Decides also* to apportion for 2003 the amount of 53,047,600 dollars gross (47,759,100 dollars net), including 5,202,750 dollars gross (4,521,450 dollars net), being the increase in assessments among Member States in accordance with the rates of assessment applicable to peacekeeping operations for 2003;

24. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 22 and 23 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 20,671,800 dollars, including 1,283,900 dollars, being the increase of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the International Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2002-2003.

¹⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 5K and corrigenda (A/57/5/Add.11 and Corr.1-3)*, chap. V, statement II, cumulative surplus of \$5,507,000.

Annex

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

	<i>Gross</i>	<i>Net</i>
	<i>(United States dollars)</i>	
1. Appropriation for the biennium 2002-2003 (resolution 56/248 B)	197 127 300	177 739 400
Add:		
2. Projected changes for the biennium 2002-2003 (revised parameters/standards and requirements for defence counsel) ^a	2 177 700	879 200
3. Proposal for ad litem judges ^b	5 060 100	4 605 400
(a) Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on ad litem judges ^c	(282 100)	(245 500)
(b) Recommendations of the Fifth Committee	(120 400)	(105 800)
4. Proposed revised appropriation for the biennium 2002-2003 (1+2+3 (a)-3 (b))	203 962 600	182 872 700
Less:		
5. Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on projected changes as contained in the first performance report for the biennium 2002-2003 — commitment authority ^d	(2 177 700)	(879 200)
6. Total amount to be financed (4-5)	201 784 900	181 993 500
Less:		
7. Assessment for 2002	(95 689 700)	(86 475 300)
8. Balance to be assessed for 2003	106 095 200	95 518 200
Of which:		
9. Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2003	53 047 600	47 759 100
10. Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations for 2003	53 047 600	47 759 100

^a A/57/481 and Corr.1.^b A/57/482.^c A/57/368.^d The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly authorize the Secretary-General to incur commitments up to that amount, should it be deemed necessary, and requests him to report thereon in the context of the next performance report.



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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Haile Selassie **Getachew** (Ethiopia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 22nd and 37th meetings, on 6 November and 13 December 2002. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.22 and 37).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 17 October 2002 from the Acting President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/57/15).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.36

4. At its 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations" (A/C.5/57/L.36), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of New Zealand.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.36 without a vote (see para. 6).



III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/217 of 23 December 1992, 55/235 and 55/236 of 23 December 2000, 57/1 of 10 September 2002, 57/3 of 27 September 2002 and 57/___ of ___ December 2002,

1. *Decides* that, in accordance with the criteria established by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/235, Switzerland will be assigned to level B under the system of adjustments used for establishing rates of assessment for peacekeeping operations;

2. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the same criteria, Timor-Leste will be assigned to level I under the system of adjustments used for establishing rates of assessment for peacekeeping operations;

3. *Further decides* that, in the case of appropriations or apportionments approved by the General Assembly for the financing of peacekeeping operations, the contributions of Switzerland and Timor-Leste, as determined by their respective levels under the system of adjustments used for establishing effective rates of assessment for peacekeeping operations, should be calculated in proportion to the calendar year;

4. *Decides* that the assessments of Switzerland and Timor-Leste for the year 2002 should be taken into account as miscellaneous income in accordance with regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

5. *Notes* that, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/217, the assessments of Switzerland and Timor-Leste for the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund should be calculated by the application of their first rates of assessment for peacekeeping operations to the authorized level of the Fund.

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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone**Report of the Fifth Committee**

Rapporteur: Mr. Haile Selassie **Getachew** (Ethiopia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 30th and 37th meetings, on 6 and 13 December 2002. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.30 and 37).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 (A/57/619) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/633).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.40

4. At its 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone" (A/C.5/57/L.40), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Ethiopia, Rapporteur of the Committee.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.40 without a vote (see para. 6).



III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1270 (1999) of 22 October 1999 concerning the establishment of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council revised and extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1436 (2002) of 24 September 2002,

Recalling its resolution 53/29 of 20 November 1998 on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and subsequent resolutions on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, the latest of which was resolution 56/251 B of 27 June 2002,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with sufficient financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²

2. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 532,469,200 United States dollars previously apportioned under the terms of General Assembly resolution 56/251 B, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 90 million dollars at a monthly rate of 7,500,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, comprising 67,500,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 31 March 2003 and 22,500,000 dollars for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235 of 23 December 2000, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 57/___ of ___ December 2002, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

3. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 2 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 326,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, at a monthly rate of 27,200 dollars, comprising 244,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 31 March 2003 and 81,600 dollars for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2003, in addition to the estimated staff assessment income in the amount of

¹ A/57/619.

² A/57/633.

9,004,200 dollars previously approved under the terms of Assembly resolution 56/251 B;

4. *Decides further* to keep under review during its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone".

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Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Advancement of women

**Future operation of the International Research and
Training Institute for the Advancement of Women**

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution
A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1**

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Haile Selassie **Getachew** (Ethiopia)

1. At its 29th, 31st, 32nd and 37th meetings, on 3, 9, 10 and 13 December 2002, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/24) of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1. At the 29th meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/57/7/Add.18).
2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.29, 31, 32 and 37).

Decision of the Fifth Committee

3. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/24) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.18), decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1, on the future operation of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, a provision of US\$ 500,000 would be required under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. Under the procedures



established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, this provision would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

4. The Fifth Committee further decides to recommend to the General Assembly:

(a) To approve, in the context of the consolidated statement of the programme budget implications and revised estimates, a charge in the amount of \$250,000 against the contingency fund to finance core activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, defined as the salaries and common staff costs of the four Professional posts currently in the staffing table;

(b) To decide that an amount of \$250,000 will be set aside in the contingency fund for the current biennium, as an additional provision to the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women for core activities in 2003, which will bring the total amount to \$500,000, pending firm pledges and/or payments of the voluntary contributions necessary for the viable operation of the Institute;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to report to the Fifth Committee, before the close of its resumed fifty-seventh session, on the financial situation of the Institute, including the status of voluntary contributions to meet the resource requirement necessary to ensure its viability, and to consider the additional charge against the contingency fund referred to in paragraph (b) above;

(d) To note that the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/24) was based on the recommendations of the Working Group on the Future Operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (see A/57/330);

(e) To request the Secretary-General to introduce the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/56/907) to the General Assembly before the close of its resumed fifty-seventh session.



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Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

**Programme of activities of the International
Decade of the World's Indigenous People**

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Haile Selassie **Getachew** (Ethiopia)

1. At its 29th, 31st, 32nd and 37th meetings, on 3, 9, 10 and 13 December 2002, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/26) of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7. At the 29th meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/57/7/Add.19).
2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.29, 31, 32 and 37).

Decision of the Fifth Committee

3. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7, on the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (A/C.5/57/26), and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.19), endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7, there would be financial implications arising for the regular budget in the biennium 2002-2003 of up to \$316,600 under section 9, Economic and



social affairs, \$96,000 under section 27, Management and central support services, and a related amount of \$43,000 under section 32, Staff assessment, offset by an amount of \$43,000 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

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Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

**Human rights questions: human rights questions, including
alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment
of human rights and fundamental freedoms**

Khmer Rouge trials**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70****Report of the Fifth Committee**

Rapporteur: Mr. Haile Selassie **Getachew** (Ethiopia)

1. At its 31st, 32nd and 37th meetings, on 9, 10 and 13 December 2002, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/29) of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70. At the 31st meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/57/7/Add.22).
2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.31, 32 and 37).

Decision of the Fifth Committee

3. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70, on Khmer Rouge trials (A/C.5/57/29), and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.22), endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70, requirements would be met from within existing resources under section 8, Legal affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.





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Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

High-level international intergovernmental
consideration of financing for development

Ensuring effective secretariat support for sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.62

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Haile Selassie **Getachew** (Ethiopia)

1. At its 35th and 37th meetings, on 12 and 13 December 2002, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/32) of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.62. At the 35th meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/57/7/Add.24).

2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.35 and 37).

Decision of the Fifth Committee

3. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.62, on ensuring effective secretariat support for the sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/C.5/57/32), and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.24), endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and



decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.62, there would be financial implications arising for the regular budget in the biennium 2002-2003 of up to \$95,500 under section 9, Economic and social affairs, \$85,700 under section 27, Management and central support services, and a related amount of \$22,000 under section 32, Staff assessment, offset by an amount of \$22,000 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.